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ASSESSING THE RAILROADS.

It is understood that the State Board of Equalization will take up this week the assessment of the railroads of Missouri for taxation purposes. The votes in the Board on this question will be watched with keen interest by the people of the State.

As an index of how the people feel on this subject, we invite the attention of the members of the Board to the following resolution, which was adopted in the Missouri House of Representatives on Feb. 21, 1893, by a vote of 58 yeas to 20 nays:

The railroad property of this State being assessed at less than 25 per cent of its actual value, while farming property is assessed at over 40 per cent of its value; therefore,

Resolved, That the State Board of Equalization are hereby directed to increase the rate of taxation of railroad property until such property shall bear its equitable share of the burdens of taxation.

The House was at that time strongly Democratic and the resolution was adopted by a majority of Democratic votes. In January, 1895, the House being then Republican, a resolution was adopted by an almost unanimous vote demanding an increase of "the taxable wealth of the railroads until railroad property shall bear its equitable share of taxation."

There can be no doubt that this demand, put forward by two different Houses of Representatives, expresses the wish and will of the people.

The Post-Dispatch has shown from the figures submitted to the Railroad Commission by the railroads themselves that their property is not assessed at an equitable ratio with other property. The farm property of Missouri, for example, is assessed at about one-third of its actual value. It is a high estimate to place the present valuation of railroad property at one-quarter of its real value.

Another fact which the State Board of Equalization can legitimately consider is the railroad lobby and its relation to legislation, nominating conventions and the like. Any interest that can and does maintain a regular salaried lobby at Jefferson City can afford to pay more taxes. If it did not have more money than it requires for the legitimate purposes of railroad business, the lobby would not be there. It is better that this surplus money should go into the State and County treasuries than into the pockets of the lobbyists and their legislative "cattle."

NEGLECTED STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

People who tried to get into Forest Park yesterday from any direction except down town by way of the Lindell boulevard found a striking example of how not to run a municipality.

The rain had made the principal part of a great city of 600,000 people unapproachable except by a single avenue. The large section of the city now lying east of the boulevard and west of Grand avenue is without means of getting to either of these thoroughfares after a rain, except through sloughs of mud. West of Grand avenue there are no thorough north and south roadways constructed. The new city west of Vandeventer avenue is practically cut off from the old city.

Nearly a year ago the Post-Dispatch exposed the insufferable slowness of the reconstruction of Union avenue, the natural avenue to Forest Park. This fine thoroughfare had then been closed to traffic for two years. It is still closed to traffic. On a part of it only the foundation stone has been laid. A large section of it next the park has not been touched by the workmen, so that when the part now being made is completed—if it is ever completed—it will be practically useless

to the public except as a western outlet of Portland and Westmoreland places—private residence places. Except in dry weather, when the dust is intolerable, there is no passable road to Tower Grove Park west of Grand avenue.

This condition of things in the West End, the most progressive and thickly settled residence section of the city, is an abomination. It is a criminal neglect of the city's needs on the part of the authorities. While the municipal officials have been busily engaged in enlarging the list of officials, increasing salaries, overlooking revenue abuses and appropriating and expending funds for jobs, street improvements have fallen five years behind the city's growth.

Yesterday's Sunday Post-Dispatch took its place definitely in the lead. It carried 43 columns of the advertising of our local merchants, as compared with 40 in the Sunday Globe-Democrat and 33 in the Sunday Republic. Its total advertising was 72 columns, as compared with 49 columns in the corresponding Sunday year ago, a gain of 47 per cent.

Of reading matter the Sunday Post-Dispatch had 181 columns; the Sunday Globe-Democrat 161 columns; the Sunday Republic 167 columns. In pictorial illustrations the Sunday Post-Dispatch was so far ahead of its competitors that comparison would be odious.

THE INTERSTATE DRILL.

The Interstate Drill at the Fair Grounds which closed yesterday with the distribution of prizes to the winning companies was a brilliant success in every way.

There was not a far in the orderly execution of an excellent programme. No incident occurred to mar the harmony of the week. Saturday's rain was the only drawback to a perfect week and that is one of the incidents of camp life in either peace or war of which well-trained soldier boys never complain.

The citizens' committee and the Fair Grounds management are to be congratulated upon the perfection of the arrangements for the camp and the entertainment of the visitors. Special commendation is due the ladies whose taste, skill and energy made the camp notable for brilliancy on the social side of the programme.

It is natural that St. Louisans should feel jubilant over the success of the Branch Guards in winning the first infantry prize, and over the other successes of our camp militiamen. But the prizes were fairly won in a contest that was creditable to all concerned. All of the contestants acquitted themselves admirably.

St. Louis has shown that she has the place, the will, the energy and resources to offer unsurpassed advantages for interstate militia drills. We feel sure of a unanimous vote of first honors for St. Louis as an encampment city.

ORGANIZATION A NECESSITY.

The conference of Democratic editors of Missouri who favor free silver coinage, which was held in Sedalia last week, called another conference for the 23d of this month to perfect an organization and to take further steps to give practical effect in the party councils to the free silver sentiment among Democrats.

The adjourned conference should be attended by every Democratic editor in the State in sympathy with its objects. It is not sufficient to gain the object of the free silver Democrats of Missouri that nine-tenths of the voters of the party favor that object. Mere numbers do not assure victory in party action. There must be organization and practical work to give effect to the sentiment of the majority.

The fact that the party machine in the State is in control of the opponents of free silver and that the Federal patronage is at their disposal make it necessary for the free silver men to organize for work. The further fact that their opponents have started a movement to effect a thorough organization increases this necessity.

The editors are the leaders and molders of public opinion. Their influence in the councils of the party and among the voters is potent. They should set an example of organization and vigorous work which will stimulate the rank and file to give effective support to the cause.

ANOTHER JAPANESE BLUNDER.

The recall of Lieut. O'Brien, United States military attaché at Peking, brings to light unexpected official confirmation of the accounts of the Port Arthur atrocities which were published in the Post-Dispatch and the World.

Lieut. O'Brien was attached to the Japanese army during the war and was a witness of the conduct of that army at Port Arthur and elsewhere. A letter to Minister Dun he describes what he saw, and his testimony corroborates in every particular the account of the massacre perpetrated there by the Japs which Mr. Creelman sent the Post-Dispatch (joyfully). If any exonerations of the charge of sequestration-making brought against our war correspondent were needed this evidence of an unprejudiced army officer would furnish it.

It is understood that Lieut. O'Brien's recall is due to the sensitiveness of Japan on the subject of these atrocities. Japan resents the official confirmation of her disgrace, and, it is reported, has intimated that she is not pleased with Lieut. O'Brien and would regard his recall as a favor.

This attitude of Japan towards Lieut. O'Brien emphasizes the blunder the Japanese Government made in failing to follow up the strong words of regret uttered by Viscount Mutsu with the punishment of all who were responsible for the Port Arthur horrors.

The government lost the opportunity of rehabilitating itself in the esteem of civilized nations by a vigorous repudiation of uncivilized methods of warfare. Its resentment of references to the atrocities now merely deepens the stain which its practical endorsement of the atrocities fixed on the national honor.

The Miami News calls Mr. Zevely's attention to the fact that "every one of the thirteen counties in the Eighth District have declared for free silver at 18 to 1; for an early State convention; and also for the resignation of Mr. Zevely, who also continues to represent them." Some time back Mr. Zevely

was quoted as saying that if the State Committee was reelected he would vote for a convention in case a majority of the counties in his district demanded it.

Railroads that find themselves out of pocket through carrying Christian Endeavorers too cheap should console themselves by reflecting on the assistance they have given the cause of religion. Though corporations have no souls, individual members have, and it may be a great convenience in the by-and-by to have a railroad capitalist be able to prove that his road carried Christian Endeavorers for less than the regular price.

The reprint in the Post-Dispatch's esteemed Sunday contemporaries was judiciously selected, and the news they republished from the Post-Dispatch of Saturday was good, but of course they could not hope to approximate the big spread of fresh and original matter enjoyed by the Sunday Post-Dispatch readers. The Post-Dispatch's unequalled circulation requires that it should always be the best paper.

Mr. Watkinson is quoted in Chicago as saying that free silver received a body blow in Kentucky. The fact is that it was the Democratic party of Kentucky that received a body blow, and if it should stagger into an open grave it will not be difficult to fix the responsibility for that unhappy conclusion.

The St. Louis cemetery does not report a large increase of burials, but still there is an increase. The Germans appear to be the best patrons of this institution. With the completion of the fire-proof columbarium, incineration may become more popular.

If it is true that Secretary Lamont came West to learn what Mr. Cleveland's chances for a third term are, he has doubtless become fully informed by this time. Indeed, the West would be only too glad to let Mr. Cleveland off right now if it could be arranged.

Of course there had to be a syndicate to take advantage of the Japanese war to increase the already enormous price of camphor. Human greed invades the sick room, the cemetery, or any other place where there seems to be a dollar in sight.

The reverence shown the statue of Sunset Cox by persons supposing it to be the figure of a saint is an evidence of how much better a politician may appear in bronze and marble than in his own flesh.

If every one of the 114 counties of Missouri were to promptly declare for silver, there would still be schemes to prevent the calling of a convention. The monometallists have no sense of fairness.

The Kansan who lets Secretary Morton know that Kansans will not "get down and wiggle in the dust at the back of chief moguls" is right. There has been too much wiggle in this country.

No doubt many a young soldier of the Emancipation has paraphrased the poet and exclaimed, "Mind of honor, give me part, give, O give me back my heart!"

The Florida girl who thrust a gun into an alligator's mouth and fired, immediately proceeded to faint. The new woman still has some of the old old ways.

Should the Texans succeed in preventing a prize fight, it will give Champion Corbett more time for his numerous love affairs.

Vesuvius and Aetna are both in eruption, and if Mr. Cleveland is not watchful Sterling Morton will erupt again soon.

The three little maidens of the White House may some day be voters, but will they be Democratic voters?

The President has no occasion to grieve because he has no son. The Presidency is not an inheritance.

Peoria without a drop of water is not so alarming as would be Peoria without a drop of whisky.

The branches of the Denoye family tree may yet crowd the foliage in Shaw's Garden.

The defeat of the Baltimore club by the Browns is another "incredible incident."

The retiring chief of the Weather Bureau feels like a monarch whose reign is over.

The Mississippi and the Post-Dispatch's circulation have both had a big summer rise.

The Camposing of Cuba is not composing Cuba.

The People Are With Vest.

From the Springfield Herald.

Senator Vest's recent interview, published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, has been favorably commented on by the Democratic press throughout the State. There is no doubt but that his views on the money question are shared in by 90 per cent of the members of the Democratic party in this State.

Lincoln County Is for Silver.

From the Brookfield Record.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch of yesterday said there are only three counties in Missouri, as far as heard from, that are opposed to holding a Democratic State convention, and gave Lincoln as one, based upon the return from the Lincoln county of the County Central Committee. This is a mistake. At least nine-tenths of the Democrats are for silver, and at least three-fourths for a convention. We only wish Mr. Wigington had lived longer in the county and knew the sentiment of her people better.

The Real Power.

From the Chicago Record.

A politician complains that with a Republican House, a Democratic President and a Senate in which the balance of power belongs to the Populists the work of the next Congress will be greatly hampered. But this is not all. No one knows yet what is to be the political complexion of the sugar trust lobby.

The Watchword of the Campaign.

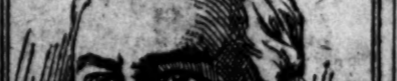
From the Elmhurst News.

The interview of Senator Vest in the Post-Dispatch is clear, emphatic and courageous. It will be found the watchword of the coming campaign on the financial issue.

WELL KNOWN ST. LOUISANS.

Warwick Hough.

Warwick Hough was born in London County, Virginia, January 23, 1858. A year later his parents moved to Missouri. Young Hough graduated from the State University in 1884 and was appointed Assistant State Geologist. Three years later he took up the study of law. He served as secretary of the Senate from 1892 to 1894. He formed a law partnership with Hon. J. Proctor Knott. He was Adjutant General under Gov. Claib Jackson and Secretary of State under Gov. Fletcher. He served throughout the war, and being barred from the State by the test oath practiced law in Memphis. On his return to the State he was elected and served ten years on the Supreme bench. In 1891 Judge Hough married Miss Nina E. Massey of Springfield, Mo. He has five children.



MEN OF MARK.

Emile Zola has been ordered by his physician to stop work.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll is a master hand with the gridiron and the savory steak. Where he learned the art so aptly has never been told.

Count Paul Chandon of Epernay, head of the champagne firm of Moet et Chandon, who died recently, bequeathed \$50,000 francs to local charities.

William Mack Brooks of Norway, Mo., claims the honor of being the oldest schoolmaster of his State. He has taught 114 terms, and has used the rod on about the same number of pupils.

Don Carlos of Spain, who is the head of the historic house of Bourbon, has repeated the word "yes" very prominently in the Golden Fleece, which had befogged in turn to Duke Charles of Burgundy and to Emperor Charles V of Germany and Spain.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Miss Remie Londenberry of Boston, the round-the-world bicyclist, has declined over 150 offers of marriage. She says she has said "No" to every girl who has asked her to marry.

Mme. Bernhardt has been asked how it is that she wears so well. The answer that she gives is that she never thinks. She plays to her fingers' tips. Her life is acting. Reflection she leaves to the dreamers. "It is thought that wears one out."

The new Secretary of State's two attractive young daughters, the Misses Olney, will come forward very prominently in the Cabinet circle next winter at Washington. They are not only pretty, but are unusually brilliant in conversation for their years.

An American, Miss Grace Chisholm, has taken the degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Göttingen, with the express permission of the Prussian Minister of Education. This is the first degree ever taken by a woman since Göttingen became a Prussian university.

Mrs. Francis E. Clark, the mother of the Christian Endeavor Society, lives in Portland, Me. She is a slender little woman, short in stature, and wavy brown hair frames a pretty face that is girlish in outline, but of womanly tenderness and strength. She is a fine, magnetic speaker.

SPARKLING BITS.

A rich St. Louis girl is about to marry an Indian. Fortune seems to favor the brave. —Texas Sittings.

He (reading): "And so they were married? That is the way all love matches end." She: "Yes, they don't burn long." —Hartford Life.

Mother (arranging for the summer): "I want the girls to go to some place where the nicest men are, of course." Father: "Then, my dear, you had better let them stay in town." —Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Lunkins: "Joshua, I am going to the dentist's to have a tooth pulled out. You mind the baby while I'm gone." Mr. L. (with alacrity): "You mind the baby, Jennifer. I'll go and get a tooth pulled out." —Trib-Bits.

Magistrate: "And why did you roam about in the streets during the night?" Defendant: "I was afraid to go home." Magistrate: Are you married? Defendant (joyfully): "Oh, your worship, I suppose you know what it is, too." —Trib-Bits.

"A PLAY REPEATED."

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True Politicians.

From Youth's Companion.

An excellent suggestion was that contained in the remark of a little 10-year-old girl from the country, who had been visiting a summer friend in her city home. "Did you have a good time?" asked the child's mother when the girl came back from her week's visit.

"Beautiful!" replied the little traveler, with great enthusiasm; "why they were the one that was at home, and they were visiting, I had a beautiful time!"

A Homely Truth.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.

There's many a fool who is working to earn What other fools will spend. It's been that way a long, long time—'Twill be so to the end.

MAFFITT AND THE CONVENTION.

From the Maries County Gazette.

Chairman Maffitt has concluded that it is too risky to monkey with such a dangerous buzz-saw as the silver Democracy of Missouri may prove to be, and has signified his willingness to call a State Convention if a majority of the county chairmen sign a demand for it. He is going about it in such a way as to cause all the delay possible. If Francis could have had his own way Maffitt would not have so far given in, but the latter has bowed the Missouri Democracy so long that it is willing to let him feel his grip loosening, and so at last yielded, though not at all in a graceful manner.

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From the Springfield Democrat.

Altogether the Democrats of eighty-one counties in the State have expressed their wish for a State Convention. This is more than two-thirds of the whole number of counties. Fifty-three counties have committed their votes to the Secretary of the Conference of County Chairmen held at the Planters' House in St. Louis some days ago, and twenty-eight other counties have expressed the same wish through their county committees or conventions. Still the Chairman of the State Committee proclaims that the people of Missouri are not in favor of a convention. He is taxing the patience of even patient men to the utmost.

From the Paris Mercury.

Democrats throughout the State are making it red-hot for Mr. Maffitt of St. Louis. Mr. Maffitt does not want to give the people a chance to hold a convention, while the people are determined to hold one.

From the St. Francis Herald.

Chairman Maffitt of the State Democratic Committee still disregards the demands of his party by refusing to call a State convention. When Hon. J. W. Farris of Lexington presented him a call signed by sixty-two County Chairmen, Mr. Maffitt dodged the call by saying that he would act when "officially" notified. No doubt he has been surprised at the rapid rate he has received these "official" requests. A majority of the County Chairmen and County Committees have sent him demands for a convention, but he has not yet called the State Committee together. Conventions are being held throughout the State and requests for the convention are daily pouring in upon Mr. Maffitt. It is safe to say that an overwhelming majority of the Democracy are in favor of the convention and nearly two-thirds of the counties have taken some kind of action favorable to it. If Mr. Maffitt refuses much longer the authority of the State Committee will be defied and a convention called independent of it.

From the Marshall Democrat-News.

Chairman Maffitt has shown the clearest foot in his last move to prevent the Democratic party from holding a convention and declaring for silver. He expressly promised to call the convention if a majority of the County Chairmen would request it, and now he sends them blanks to fill up and return to him. The blanks require the people to call the County Committees, even those which have already by convention requested the State convention to be called. His action is an insult to the Democrats of the State. But it is due him to say he is hypnotized by Dave Francis and personally not responsible for what he does or says.

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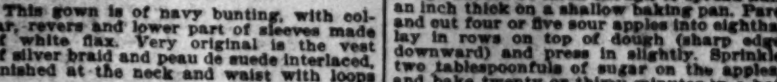
From the Doniphan Prospect-News.

This county is in favor of the free coinage of silver, 16 to 1, and also at the ratio of 16 to 1.

HOME

For a Fair Yachter.

This gown is of navy blue, with collar, cuffs and lower part of sleeves made of white flax. Very original in design, of silver braid and peau de sude interlaced, finished at the neck and waist with loops and tassels.



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